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"I want to personally thank the crew at the Belle Glade Sanitation Department for picking up the trash on Northeast Second Street and Northeast Third Street this past week. It looks much better, and just in time for Christmas!"

"It's also good to know that if we call we can get things picked up sooner. Again, thank you."

Get it right

"I'm tired of everyone saying 'Happy New Millennium'. Let's remember folks, the new millennium doesn't start until January 1, 2001."

Happy New Year!"

Voting on the sale of alcohol

"I'm calling in reference to people talking about Commissioners Wilson, Miller and Wilkerson voting to allow the sale of alcohol at the wrestling matches in Belle Glade."

You have a lot of adults there and I'm quite sure it will be supervised, so if the kids see the parents drinking, well, wherever they go they are going to see drinking. So, why don't you let the adults enjoy themselves as long as none of the kids get hold of any of the alcohol."

And another thing, people say they won't vote for Commissioner Wilkerson again. Well, I am a taxpayer and have been a resident of Belle Glade all my life (36 years), and I feel that she will continue to be a great candidate and a great city commissioner.

I don't know anything about her going to California, but if she did, I'm quite sure she didn't use any of the taxpayer's money. If it wasn't city business, she probably used her own money. But who knows what she went to California for, I don't, but I really don't care what she went for."

All that really concerns me is that she continues to help the kids in the community and also she is trying to get things done in the community - her, Commissioner Wilson, Mrs. Miller - all of them are doing a great job. Just stay off their back, and let them do what they're doing.

The person who's calling in complaining probably didn't vote for them anyway.

Thank you."

Praise for commissioners

"This is in regard to the courage shown by Vice Mayor Bill Mathis and Commissioner Steve Weeks for voting no to the sale of alcoholic beverages at the wrestling matches.

Just because you are in the minority does

not mean that we're not proud of you. Be aware, the citizens of Belle Glade are very proud of you and we hope the other three commissioners who are in the majority now that we can take the majority from them in the next election. So, keep up the good work Vice Mayor Mathis and Commissioner Weeks and we will keep up the good work for you.

Thank you."

Nepotism?

"Yes. This is for Madam Mayor. Qualifications does not mean 'son-in-law' it means the most qualified person."

That's who you should have hired, not your son-in-law. You made history in Belle Glade by appointing your son-in-law. Also, you brought shame and showed us how someone can use their political influence to get a job for their kinfolk."

Belle Glade Mayor Harma Miller

responds: "I realize that every time a relative of any elected official receives a job or any services from the city, a question of nepotism surfaces by someone who questions the motives of those in charge."

The caller needs to know that the mayor, by charter mandate, **does not hire employees**. The commission, not the mayor (5 people) make decisions to hire some various qualified consultants to assist the city attorney and the city manager. All other applicants and interviews are done through the Department of Human Resources. Mr. Tate, my son-in-law, was hired by the city manager in his capacity after due process. There is no earthly reason why in a town as small as Belle Glade, where professionals are leaving us and people are not returning, that my son-in-law or any son-in-law should be penalized because his mother-in-law is on the city commission.

In the case of Houston Tate, "qualifications," as the caller mentions, does mean my son-in-law. The caller may also inquire about qualifications of other applicants for that same position if he or she wishes to do so. I'm not surprised that I would draw such criticism from either political enemies or an uninformed citizen who is not aware of the rules of the charter, or who may not have voted for me.

I accept the criticism as part of the process and have no ill wishes for the caller. Anyone who knows me would be able to conclude that a son-in-law of mine who would not be qualified also would not be working for the city. Both the Human Resources director and the

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Seattle Round of WTO impacts Florida agriculture

By Bob Baker

Senior Vice President, United States Sugar Corporation

Trade talks were upstaged by massive protests and minor vandalism in Seattle as the new round of World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations ended without truly beginning last month. World trade ministers failed to even set an agenda for the next round of market-opening negotiations that are expected to focus on agriculture.

Seattle was flooded with protest groups from hundreds of labor and environmental organizations who view world trade as a way for multinational corporations to evade the stringent labor and environmental standards of American industry.

Florida agriculture, with a great deal at stake in any future trade negotiations, was well represented in Seattle. Agriculture Commissioner Bob Crawford and his staff, as well as representatives from Florida's various agricultural sectors attended the conference to deliver a clear message: *It is imperative that U.S. negotiators make no further concessions that are detrimental to Florida agriculture as they negotiate trade agreements.*

This is particularly crucial to import sensitive crops like citrus, vegetables and sugar - all major parts of Florida agriculture. The last trade round in Geneva (GATT) granted major access to U.S. markets without any reciprocal benefits for Florida crops, and the North American Free Trade Agreement gave away many Florida agricultural markets to Mexico.

In addition, Congress made huge unilateral reforms to U.S. agriculture policy in the 1996 Freedom to Farm legislation. These reforms have led to drastic reductions in agricultural commodity prices across the country. American agriculture is in a period of financial crisis, yet consumer prices for food products are going up, not down as the multinational food companies pocket profits instead of passing savings along to the consumer.

There are important issues to be settled, and this round of trade negotiations will eventually continue in Geneva early next year as the attention and furor generated in Seattle subsides. Florida's agriculture industry wants the new trade round to take a more realistic look at agricultural programs around the world. Many foreign countries have export subsidies, state trading enterprises that function as virtual monopolies, as well as thinly veiled government support programs that went untouched in prior negotiations. It is unfair to expect American farmers to compete against foreign farmers aided by these foreign government programs. In addition, free trade must also be fair trade - with labor and environmental standards a necessary part of the discussion.

Sugar is a major Florida crop, employing over 40,000 people. As far as sugar is concerned, it is time for other sugar-producing countries to match the level of reform the U.S. has already made in its sugar policy before further concessions are made here. Many foreign countries are interested only in dismantling what is left of American sugar policy to get more access to our markets. Many of these same countries fail to meet even minimal environmental and labor standards, with child labor rampant in many sugar-producing areas.

These trade negotiations could have a major impact on the future of many of Florida's agricultural commodities, including citrus, vegetables, and sugar. While the goal of free trade is a worthy once, Florida cannot afford for U.S. negotiators to adopt a *"free trade at any cost"* position, neither can we.

Family support, school climate can help abused girls avoid bulimia

By Ed Hunter
University of Florida News

The support of family members and a positive school climate help physically abused adolescent girls avoid the bing-purge cycle of bulimia, a new University of Florida survey shows.

The survey of about 18,000 females ages 12 to 18 - mostly from Western and Midwestern states - who identified themselves as being physically abused was conducted over a five-year period in conjunction with researchers at the Search Institute in Minneapolis. Daniel Perkins, a UF youth development specialist, said the survey data indicates that with the proper support, physically abused girls are no more likely to engage in purging than other females in the same age group.

"These factors eliminate the impact of physical abuse as a risk factor of increasing the likelihood of purging," Perkins said. "It decreases the likelihood of purging even though they were physically abused."

Perkins said without the protective factors of family support and school climate, physically abused teen girls are 30 percent more likely to engage in purging, and girls who were sexually abused are 22 percent more likely to engage in purging. He said the survey shows how critical it is that parents be supportive and accepting of their children.

"Parents and other family members have a key role to play in terms of adolescents dealing with their identity and making them feel comfortable with themselves," said Perkins, an assistant professor of human resource development in the UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. "It's really about loving them for who they are and maybe not highlighting negative things about their body or their appearance."

"As a parent, it's really important that you focus on positives and that you really love them for who they are," he said.

Perkins said family support relates to how much emotional support the young person felt she received from her family and how comfortable she was going to her parents with problems. A positive school climate exists when students feel school is a positive place to be, the teachers are supportive and encouraging and students have opportunities to be involved.

Valerie, a UF graduate student who doesn't want to use her last name, said the environment when she was in school definitely contributed to her turning to purging as a way to fit in.

"I was always performing, I had to be officers in clubs, had to have the right grades and get into the right school," Valerie said. "And there was even pressure at home. It was just constant. I had to be perfect, but I couldn't be perfect. There wasn't anywhere for me to let down with."

Perkins said the study also revealed some risk factors that increased the likelihood that young girls would engage in purging.

"We found one risk factor being sexual abuse, so physically abused females who also reported being sexually abused were much more likely to engage in purging than physically abused females who did not report being sexually abused," Perkins said.

An apparent risk factor that confused the researchers dealt with young people who had adults outside the family to go to with their problems. These young girls reported higher-than-expected rates of purging, Perkins said.

"This is a very confusing finding, and we're still not really sure how to explain that," Perkins said. "It may be that adults in their lives while they are supportive, also may be fairly controlling and don't allow the adolescent to have a lot of autonomy. And so in order to gain that control, they turn to purging."

"Another possibility could be really that the adults are just putting so much pressure on the young person to achieve that the young person doesn't feel comfortable going to them to talk about this particular issue, and so as an outlet they turn towards engaging in bulimia," he said.

Perkins said the survey also brought to light some significant differences in the likelihood that females will turn to purging based on ethnicity.

"African-Americans are much less likely to engage in purging than whites," Perkins said. "That may be in part due to their broader image of physical appearance compared to whites. It appears that whites have a much more narrow vision of what beauty is compared to African-Americans."

"Native Americans, on the other hand, are more likely to engage in purging, and we have not been able to identify why they are turning toward purging more than white females. It may be in part due to their assimilation into the culture and trying to fit in more, so they go to extremes," he said.

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Santa made a stop at Glades General Hospital last week to visit with Cassandra Butler, who enjoyed the visit with St. Nick and received some special gifts.

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city manager, in my opinion, are honorable people who are well aware of the consequences of hiring unqualified personnel - the least of which puts their jobs on the line.

It took more courage to hire Mr. Tate than to succumb to political pressure. I applaud both of them because they didn't do it for "Madam Mayor," they did it for the citizens of the City of Belle Glade."

Says it's not fair

"I'd like to congratulate the Glades Central Raiders for their second straight championship and their third straight appearance at the state finals.

But the thing I don't like is that there are players who have been on the team the entire season but they won't be getting state championship rings because of the cutbacks.

I don't feel that it's fair I'm asking Dr. Grear or Coach Watson to explain this.

One of the kids was injured after a stellar game. He was a

great running back and he has another year, but I still feel that just because he was injured and his name was not on the roster he should still get a ring. He was a statistician for the rest of the season, but he still doesn't get a championship ring.

Come on."

Editor's note: Palm Beach County Schools are out until after the New Year.

We invite Dr. Grear or Coach Watson to explain when it is convenient for them.

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Year...

Mr. Schenck said, "We hope to get some economic development into town. We are working on recruiting some businesses into our industrial park and we plan to continue working on our campground and marina."

South Bay City Manager Michael Jackson says his city is also looking for more economic development in 2000. "We've been working on this for the past four years. We've been working on a ton of projects we hope will materialize in the New Year," he said.

He says he plans to go to church on New Year's Eve and then attend the Street Beat

concert in South Bay.

Belle Glade Mayor Harma Miller says she hopes the city will be able to change the way they do business in the New Year.

"We want to empower our employees to take more responsibility," she said. Treating people equally regardless of race, sex or religion something she sees as important also.

"On a personal note, I believe I'm going to be able to contribute to the city in a way I wasn't able to in the past. My direction from God is clean and transcends all political policies," says Mayor Miller.

Belle Glade City Manager Smith says he has a list of wishes for his city in the New Year. "I'd like to see more street

repairs and a cleaner city," he said, noting it will take more than just city staff's efforts to clean up the town. "It's going to take educating our citizens also," he said.

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Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had their charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 612 complaints and gave 42 traffic citations the week of December 20-26.

Those arrested included:

December 20 - Alice Pitts, 41, battery; Michelle Byrd, 36, battery; Anthony Perkins, 21, robbery with a firearm and grand theft.

December 21 - Israel Hester, 31, burglary of an occupied dwelling; George Baker Jr., 43, violation of probation.

December 22 - Wilson Philemon, 22, burglary of a vehicle and petty theft; Santonio Minus, 18, burglary of a vehicle and petty theft; Bernard Robinson, 45, loitering and prowling; Raymond Posey, 24, violation of probation.

December 23 - Alain Toussaint, 26, failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended or revoked; Cassandra Simmons, 42, failure to appear on charges of retail theft.

December 24 - Lauro Delgado Jr., 46, contempt of court in a child support case; David Jerome Pace, 24, failure to appear on a traffic citation; Robert Jimenez, 29, possession of cocaine; Iselias Quintana, 25, retail theft; Teofilo Zapata, 22, two counts of battery; Sammie Lee Anderson, 28, possession of cocaine and sale of cocaine.

December 25 - Walter Burke, 39, domestic battery.

December 26 - Benjamin Mendoza, 41, trespassing after warning; McArthur Claze, 26, battery on a law enforcement officer; Jacqueline Gomez, 52, sale of cocaine and resisting an officer with violence; Louis Canada, 54, possession of cocaine; Ronnie Booth, 21, aggravated assault with a firearm.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 2 arrests the week of December 19-25.

Those arrested included:

December 19 - No arrests made.

December 20 - No arrests made.

December 21 - No arrests made.

December 22 - No arrests made.

December 23 - John R. Masters, 28, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

December 24 - Sammie L. Smith, 40, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

December 25 - No arrests made.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 133 calls, issued 12 traffic citations and made 5 arrests the week of December 20-26.

Those arrested included:

December 20 - Juvenile, 17, simple battery.

December 21 - No arrests made.

December 22 - Lawrence Wilker, 42, sexual battery; Claude Anderson, 46, battery.

December 23 - Juvenile, 14, criminal mischief.

December 24 - No arrests made.

December 25 - No arrests made.

December 26 - Jamie Little, 20, aggravated battery and aggravated assault.

Please note: Any person who is listed in the arrest blotter of *The Sun* and is later found not guilty is encouraged to call the newspaper and let us know.

We will confirm the information and print it in the next available publication.

South Florida Fair to host "Largest Vegetable Contest"

The Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service and the South Florida Fair are again this year sponsoring a "Largest Vegetable Contest" to recognize local vegetable growers. The contest is open to anyone growing vegetables including commercial growers, however, the vegetables entered must be grown by the exhibitor.

The contest, which is held annually on opening day of the South Florida Fair, has six

prize categories ranging from \$25 to \$200 for adults 18 years and up and youth under 18 years. Twenty-five common vegetables, including some tropical vegetables are eligible for entry.

To enter, bring your vegetable to the fairgrounds on Friday, Jan. 14, opening day, between 10 a.m. and noon and take the vegetable to Building 5, which is the Agriculture Building. You must fill out a

form, have the vegetable weighed and at noon the winners will be announced. No more than one prize can be awarded to a person.

The South Florida Fair runs January 15 through Sunday, January 30.

For information on the contest, call the Fair at 793-0333 or the Extension Service at 233-1750. Application blanks are also available at the fairgrounds and Extension offices.

Red Cross needs volunteers

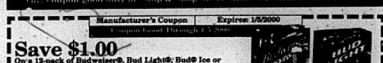
The American Red Cross Glades Area Branch is looking for residents of the Glades area to get involved with various programs and services offered by the American Red Cross.

There will be a new Volunteer Orientation held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000 at 6 p.m. at the office, located at 195 U.S. Highway 27, South in South Bay.

For more information contact your local American Red Cross at 992-9703.



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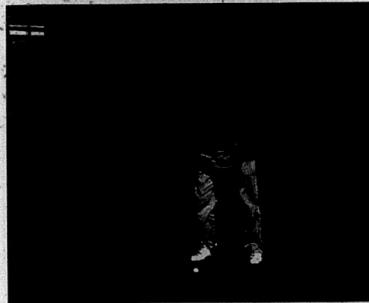
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Jerry Tulliano enjoys a round of golf during the 5th Annual Belle Glade Fire Rescue Golf Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 18. Proceeds from the tournament are used for the annual Black Gold Children's Fishing Tournament and the many educational programs Belle Glade Fire Rescue does in the local schools. Belle Glade Fire Rescue employees wish to thank all the golfers who came out and all the businesses who donated their time and money towards assisting the Fire Department in teaching fire safety.

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said the accident happened at State Road 15 and Padgett Circle about 7:30 a.m. Elizah Herington, Jr., 64, died at the scene after James Arthur Lee, 71, of 771 Frazier Court, Pahokee made a left turn in his 1994 Mercury in front of Burnice Ade, 44, of 118 Maple Drive who was driving a 1993 Lincoln.

February 25 - Pahokee resident Barbara Spencer Swaby, 50, was pronounced dead at the scene Sunday, Feb. 20 after a tractor-trailer ran over her vehicle on State Road 15 at "Dead Man's Curve."

The Pahokee City Commission decided to revise the rules and regulations of the Pahokee Campground to include a clause that will allow campers to only stay at the campground for six months within a 12 month period.

March 4 - Diversifying Belle Glade's economy has been a goal of the city for several years and they're looking on a new business park to do just that. Commissioner Steve Weeks

said funding is now in place to develop the Belle Glade Business Park on SR 80, just across the road from the Solid Waste facility.

Registered voters could go to the polls on Tuesday, March 9, to decide if incumbents Clarissa Davis and Basil Anderson will remain on the South Bay City Commission or if challengers John Wilson and Esther Berry will take over their seats.

March 11 - Charles Holt, 58, of Pahokee was walking along State Road 715 just north of Belle Glade when he was hit by a 1987 Lincoln driven by Isaais Melinidez, 24, of Belle Glade.

The impact knocked Mr. Holt down and he was then hit by a truck and two more passing cars before traffic was stopped.

After 12 years on the South Bay City Commission Basil Anderson will turn his seat over to newly-elected Palm Beach Community College teacher Esther Berry.

Clarissa Davis, 28, held her Group 2 seat, beating out John Wilson by only 14 votes.

March 18 - A fire that started in the men's restroom at Winn Dixie store on South Main Street about 2 p.m. Monday is being called suspicious by the fire marshall's office.

Belle Glade Fire responded to the fire in the Big Lake Plaza and put out the flames in about 15 minutes.

A Belle Glade man and a Clewiston man both died in a head-on collision at State Road 25 and Okeelants Road on Saturday, March 13. Florida Highway Patrol handled the accident. John L. Lane Jr., 48, of Belle Glade and Anthony McGraw, 23, of Clewiston died at the scene about 6:30 p.m.

March 25 - A controversial parking ordinance, which if enforced as written could affect the livelihoods of many Belle Glade residents, was to be discussed in a workshop by Belle Glade City Commissioners.

Peter Wiles Jr., president of Mid-Lakes Navigation Co. was in Pahokee this week deciding whether he will bring five of his canal boats to the city from New York. Mid-Lakes Navigation is a family business which has 30 years of experience in canal boat navigation.

April 1 - The Health Care District board unanimously voted last Wednesday to sell Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade to Province HealthCare. Based in Tennessee, Province owns many rural hospitals. They will pay the district \$10 million for the hospital at signing and another \$1 million annually for five years.

Everglades restoration can move forward with the closing of the \$152 million Talisman property in the Everglades Agricultural Area. With funding from the federal and state governments, the South Florida Water Management District will take title to the more than 163,000 acres of farmland south of Lake Okeechobee.

April 8 - Seventy-six new homes may go up in Belle Glade in the future if plans work out for James T. and Yvonne Houston.

The couple plans to build the single-family homes on nineteen acres adjacent to Glades Diamond

housing development and near Glades Central Community High.

Two Pahokee residents were seriously injured when they were attacked by as many as three masked robbers at their motor home at the Pahokee Marina and Campground. Pahokee police say Kathy Boswell was in stable condition at St. Mary's Medical Center after being flown to the hospital after the attack. Her boyfriend, Tom Houch, was also injured in the attack.

April 15 - A family returning home from church on Sunday, April 10 lost their three children when their van went into a canal on State Road 80 and all three children drowned. The family was returning home to West Palm Beach after attending church at the First Apostolic Church in Pahokee when their van apparently blew a tire.

Belle Glade Police Chief Mike Miller was presented the first copy of the 1999 Jubilee booklet on April 13. The booklet was dedicated to Chief Miller for his many years of service to the community and the annual Black Gold Jubilee Festival.

April 22 - Kids, parents and grandparents were as far as the eye could see around the rim canal at the annual Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest April 17. Organizers said over 1,000 people attended the event and 400 minors participated in the fishing contest.

Donna Margarita Dixon, daughter of Lawrence and Margarita Dixon of Belle Glade was chosen the 1999 Harvest Queen. Donna is a senior at Glades Day School and was sponsored by R.C. Hatton Farm.

April 29 - Amidst the turmoil of a week steeped in student violence, Glades Central and Morrisons St. Hilliardas called upon the Glades Central student body to pray for peace. The call came Thursday, April 21, in the aftermath of a Tuesday morning act of violence against a Glades Central teacher and a horrific massacre at a school in Littleton, Colorado, the same day.

The annual Black Gold Jubilee drew thousands to the Belle Glade Marina for a day of fun, food and entertainment.

May 6 - United States Sugar Corporation completed harvest April 27 of the largest sugar cane crop in company history, producing more than 7.3 million tons of cane and yielding more than 800,000 tons of sugar.

An alarming rise in home and auto burglaries over the past three months in Belle Glade has kept police busy and homeowners concerned. Police have responded to over 200 crimes throughout the city.

May 13 - Belle Glade resident Edwin Livley had a harrowing experience after he came home and interrupted three men who were robbing his residence. The men threatened his life with a pistol and a knife and hit him with a baseball bat. Belle Glade Police were able to catch the men shortly after their robbery attempt.

Two South Bay teens who did not know how to swim drowned at the Canal Point Locks. Jeremiah Lennons, 16, and his 13-year-old brother, Jacob, were fishing with family by the canal when the accident occurred.

May 20 - After 16 months as Pahokee Youth Development Centers' administrator, Norman Townsend has stepped down from his position. Mr. Townsend has accepted a position at another Correctional Services Corporation facility in Baltimore, Maryland.

Two new police officers where sworn into the South Bay Police Department during the Tuesday night commission meeting.

May 27 - Philanthropist and Glades resident Robert Macdill died this week.

A committee was formed to help bring a YMCA to the Glades. The Glades YMCA Development Committee said the facility would hopefully include

a college size gymnasium, olympic size pool children's play area, a fitness center and racketball courts.

June 3 - Silvio Gonzalez of Belle Glade has not been seen or heard from since April 8, 1999. His family in Miami reported him missing to the Belle Glade Police Department. An investigation revealed Gonzalez was taken to Miami from his home at 517 N.E. 27th Street by his stepson on or about April 8 and dropped off at a friend's house to go fishing. Gonzalez, 66, has not been seen since.

Barbara Scruggs and Martha Lynn Weeks participated in the Leukemia Society's "Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll" 26 mile marathon on Sunday, May 23 in San Diego, California.

June 10 - Belle Glade's PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is moving to West Palm Beach in August. The Belle Glade center will close at the end of this school year and not offer summer programs. PACE (Practical, Academic and Cultural Education), is a nationally recognized program designed to provide an alternative to the institutionalization of troubled at-risk girls 12-18 years old.

Pahokee Commissioners defeated an ordinance at Tuesday night's commission meeting requiring a locked gate on any bridge constructed over the Toe Canals along the levees at Lake Okeechobee.

June 17 - Members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) from Belle Glade, Pahokee, Clewiston and South Bay set up picket lines outside the Belle Glade Post Office on Wednesday, June 9 to alert the public to the reasons behind a breakdown in contract talks with the United States Postal Service.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, along with several other Glades area agencies, conducted a sweep of the area looking for sexual predators or offenders who were not living where they gave their

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Sports this week



The Glades Central 1999-2000 Raiders Boys varsity basketball team includes: (12) Woody George, (20) Sam Tarver, (22) Edmundo Jefferson, (33) Teldrin Foster, (40) Telario Allen, (34) Frank Smith, (30) Wadson Prinstill, (10) George Jean, (14) Remus Jones, (24) Mike Francois, and (21) Levasyea Haslem with head coach Darryl G. Mitchell.



The Glades Central 1999-2000 Raiders girls varsity basketball team includes: (55) Charlisa Anderson, (20) Latess Hill, (12) Princess Walker, (22) Shameka Thomas, (21) April Gadson, (23) Jentle Chatman, and (14) Ramonda McDonald, with head coach Yolanda Rhodes.



The Glades Day 1999-2000 Gators Boys varsity basketball team includes: (55) Tito Mirabal, (13) Bucky Dolarow, (14) Patrick Cross, (35) Ryan Shackelford, (42) Darryl Herring, (22) Terrence Hicks, (32) Tony Porter, (53) Kamron Hayes, (34) Jonathan Lively, (44) Josh Braddock, and (20) Jesse Montalvo, with head coach Richard Schmidt.



The Glades Day 1999-2000 Gators girls varsity basketball team includes: (13) Helan Barhoush, (22) Jenna Garrett, (24) Carmen Paez, (12) Denise Powell, (4) Evelyn Fabelo, (14) Peggy Whitney Altman, (23) Ronda Halum, (20) April Doney, and (10) Lindsay Curtiss with head coach Sherri Paez.



The Pahokee High School 1999-2000 Blue Devils Boys varsity basketball team includes: (22) Kenny Berry, (24) Antonio Wilson, (20) Everon Sanders, (45) Robert Lee, (12) Anthony Burgess, (11) Zabian Dowdell, (54) Marcus Pitre, (10) Jarvis Galley, (3) Darren Hill, (40) Dwayne Holmes, (34) Jermaine Jackson, (33) Toquon Starks, (42) Eric Moore, and (32) Antonio Richards, with head coach Christopher D. Maxon.



The Pahokee High School 1999-2000 Lady Blue Devils varsity basketball team includes: (1) Jaslyn Brown, (Shameria Johnson, (Lexxa Curtis, (Sonia Jova, (Tamarra Dowdell, (Danielle Odoms, Courtney Gibson, and Paynelle Pringle with head coach Anjanette Gilbert.

Weekly Scouting Report

Attach a separate sheet for more space to answer questions. Please drop off completed form at **The Sun** office, 417 N.W. 16th St., Suite 6, Belle Glade, or fax it to us at (561) 996-2209 or if you prefer, you may call in your scores to our Speakout number (561) 996-6636. You can also e-mail your information to glaesessun@uol.com. If you have any questions, phone (561) 996-4494.

School: _____ Coach: _____

Sport: _____ Date of Game/Match: _____

Team name: _____

Current Standing (record W-L): _____

Results of last week's competition: (Who did you play? When and Where? What was the score?) _____

Outstanding team members in last week's play (please elaborate why): _____

Where and where will the team compete in the coming week? Against who?: _____

What can you tell us about the team(s) you will play this week? What happened the last time your team played them? Date, Time, Location of next game?: _____

Does your team have a match in the upcoming game(s) or match(es), and why?: _____

Key play of the game?: _____

Our team's player(s) of the game?: _____

Our team's most improved player(s) of the game?: _____

What our team will have to do to win the next game?: _____

Is there any other information spectators should know? (Bus info? Special halftime? Etc.): _____

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*Soccer comes to the Glades

Sun sports this week

January 4, 2000
Pahokee Blue Devils Boys
vs. Pope John Paul, home 6 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs.
St. Edwards, away, 5 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs.
St. Edwards, home, 5 p.m.

January 5, 2000
Glades Central Raiders
wrestling Lake Worth at home,
7 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs.
LaBelle Middle, home, 5 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs.
LaBelle Middle, home, 6 p.m.

January 6, 2000
Pahokee Lady Blue Devils
Forest Hill away, 6:30 p.m.

Pahokee Blue Devils Boys
vs. Lincoln Park, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Central Lady
Raiders vs. Suncoast, home, 6
p.m.

Glades Central Raiders vs.
Cardinal Newman, away, 7:30
p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs.
Kings Academy, home, 5 p.m.

Glades Day Gators vs.
Kings Academy, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders
wrestling Hendry County Inv.
away, 7 p.m.

January 7, 2000
Glades Central Raiders
wrestling John Leonard away,
7 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders vs.
Okeechobee, away, 7:30 p.m.

Pahokee Lady Blue Devils
Pope John Paul, home, 6:30 p.m.

January 8, 2000
Pahokee Blue Devils Boys
vs. Lake Worth, away, 6 p.m.

Glades Day Lady Gators vs.
Jupiter Christian, away, 4 p.m.

Glades Central Raiders
wrestling Hendry County Inv.
away, 7 p.m.

**Glades-Day Lady Gators vs.
Ft. Lauderdale Univ., away, 11
a.m.**

**Glades Day Gators vs.
Highlands, away, 3 p.m.**

January 10, 2000
Glades Central Lady
Raiders vs. Clewiston, away,
6 p.m.

**Glades Day Lady Gators vs.
Jupiter Christian, away, 4 p.m.**

**Glades Day Gators vs.
Jupiter Christian, away, 5 p.m.**

In coming issues of The Sun:

*JV team photos from area schools

*Recapping the season so far and looking ahead

*Wrestling action

Meet your neighbor

Editor's note: This is the first in a planned series of profiles of local residents who are working to make the Glades area a better place to live. If you know someone who would make a good subject for a "Meet Your Neighbor" profile, call us at 996-4404.



Virginia Walker
Your interests and hobbies
Reading, Church.

Name: Virginia K. Walker
Family: Husband, Byron R. Walker; children: Byron R. Walker, Jr., Russell Walker, Paula Luce

Occupation: City Clerk, city of South Bay

What you like most about your occupation: Working with the citizens. It is an occupation with a lot of diversity.

Previous occupations: Waitress, bookkeeper for bank, Savings and loan bank teller.

If you had to choose a different occupation it would be Housewife.

Belle Glade Light Decorating Contest winners announced

Winners of Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Light Decorating Contest included:

Michelle Fullwood, 901 NE 25th Street, A Florida Christmas

Leslie Sinclair, 524 SW 6th Street, Best Holiday Spirit
Traver Moodie, 849 SW Ave. I, Best All Around Home
Ola Simeton, 832 SW 12th Chamber of Commerce director

Editor's note: This is the fourth part of a continuing series.

By Rev. Robert Bauer

In our last article we gave evidence for the divine authorship of the Bible from the perspective that the Bible presents a view of God beyond mere human invention. In this article we will show that the Bible gives a view of man beyond our own invention.

Man's View Of Himself

When man has been left to himself he has brought forth some strange ideas as to his origin. The ancients Egyptians believed man came from the river Nile. The Greeks presented the theory that man was the product of an evil god. And the current hearthrob of scientists, man evolved from a single cell which appeared out of nothing billions of years ago.

Not only has man brought forth some strange theories to explain his origin, but he has also presented some strange philosophies to explain his actions. The ancient Gnostics presented a view that man's flesh was evil but his soul was good. There are some modern religions today who believe varia-



Rev. Robert Bauer

tions of this theory. Another view of man is that he is only the product of his environment.

Some of these theories have been proven ridiculous while others have been abandoned because the evidence does not support them.

The Bible's View Of Man

The Bible presents a view of man that we could not determine upon our own. For instance the Bible reveals we are rational beings who are expected examine the evidence and draw correct conclusions. Jesus said, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). God expects man to examine the evidence in light of His word and, make a determination. The Bible,

reveals that man is a free moral agent who sometimes does not make the right choice. God does not force mankind to serve him nor empower man to believe in Him. Mankind must examine the evidence and decide for himself. Some will choose not to serve God and some will. God gives man that choice. The Bible reveals that man was created in the image of his Creator. A Divine Creator is the only rational explanation for how something came from nothing (Genesis 1:1). The Bible reveals that man is dependent upon God for his continued existence (Acts 17:27-28; Colossians 1:16-18). The Bible reveals that man has both a spiritual and moral capacity. Man ought to love and obey God. Solomon wrote, "...Revere God, and keep His commandments for this in every person's duty" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Man ought to love and serve his fellow man. Jesus said one should love his neighbor as himself (Matthew 22:39). Survival of the fittest does not lead to loving one's fellow man. The Bible teaches that man is held accountable to the moral law (Romans 3:23, 6:23) and that he

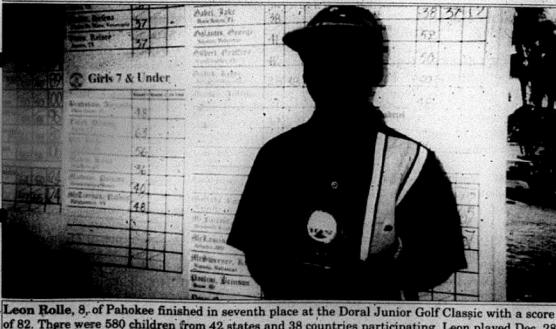
has an immortal soul (John 5:23-29). The Bible teaches that man's destiny is final, irreversible, and is affected by the decisions made in this life (Matthew 7:13-14; Hebrews 9:27).

Conclusion

How were the ancient writers of the Bible able to know all this about man? In light of the various theories of the concept of man how were they able to reveal what we know to be a true and undeniable teaching concerning the nature of man. Obviously, one can only conclude this knowledge was given to them by someone who knew everything about man. That someone could only be God, who is all knowing. Thus the Bible presents a view of man beyond mere human invention.



Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Reidel Anthony, left, joined his father, South Bay Mayor Clarence Anthony and City manager Michael Jackson to distribute toys to local children at head start facilities in South Bay. The event started nine years ago when the Mayor suggested that his son demonstrate his appreciation for his many blessings by giving toys to the less fortunate. In addition to the toys, Reidel has sponsored groups from the Glades area to attend home games of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers through his Reidel Receivers Club sponsorship. Those groups include several nonprofit youth organizations throughout the Glades.



Leon Rolle, 8, of Pahokee finished in seventh place at the Doral Junior Golf Classic with a score of 82. There were 580 children from 42 states and 38 countries participating. Leon played Dec. 28-30 in the sixth annual Can-Am Buick Junior Golf tournament at Grenelife Golf Resort in Haines City. Over 100 players from Canada, the U.S. and around the world are expected to compete in the Canadian vs. American junior golf tournament.

How did you get involved? I was invited to participate.

Why are you involved? I want to contribute all that I can for the good of mankind.

What did you move to this area? Came with my father after my Mother died when I was three years old.

Length of time here: Sixty one years.

Where you lived previously: Alabama.

What you like most about living here: The people are like one big family.

Changes you'd like to see in this area: Housing for middle income, better parks and recreation facilities for the young and old. More utilization of the beautiful Lake Okeechobee.

Your proudest accomplishments: Byron, Jr., Russell and Paula.

Your greatest disappointments: I don't dwell on disappointments so I can't remember any.

Your major goals: To continue to be a good wife and mother and to serve my community and my Heavenly Father the very best that I can.

The trait you most admire in others: Honesty.

Your heroes: Husband and children including my son-in-law and two daughters-in-law.

Your guiding philosophy: Jesus said to Love Others as I have Loved You.

Your advice to today's youth: Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother.



Francisco V. Noyola and Yolanda Rodriguez
Noyola -Rodriguez to wed

Yolanda Rodriguez, the daughter of Manuel and Maria Rodriguez of South Bay and Francisco V. Noyola, of South Bay, the son of Francisco Noyola and Isabel Sifuentes will be married in a double ring ceremony Jan. 1, 2000 at St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church in Belle Glade with Father Luis officiating.

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last known address.

The sweep began at 6 p.m. on June 8 and concluded at 2:30 a.m. on June 9 with the arrest of six known sexual predators. **June 24** - Three-time city commissioner Clay Connell announced he would resign from his seat on the Belle Glade City Commission as of July 1.

Geneva Morris of Belle Glade took five gold medals at the USA Track and Field Region 4/Florida Junior Olympic Qualifier competition in Miami.

July 1 - Thanks to several grants the Belle Glade Police Department has received over the past three years, they have been able to acquire 15 Toshiba laptop computers and the software to run the system. Officers began using the laptops in their patrol cars and at their desks on May 1.

Rob Tiller told the city commission the city now has, for the first time, a new airline at the Pahokee Airport. The name of the airline is Hawaiian Connection and it is completely licensed and available for charter.

July 8 - Fifty-two years after environmental advocate and author Marjory Stoneman Douglas placed the "River of Grass" in the national consciousness, U.S. Senators Bob Graham and Connie Mack joined Vice President Gore and other state, federal, and Congressional leaders on July 1 as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers delivered to Congress its comprehensive plan.

Hundreds of people came out to celebrate the 4th of July at the Pahokee Marina and Campground where they enjoyed the fireworks over Lake Okeechobee.

July 16 - A natural gas pipeline running through Belle Glade was dedicated by representatives from Gulfstream Natural Gas System. The pipeline would carry enough natural gas to generate electricity for 4.5 million homes in Alabama through Florida.

Mike Trammell of Belle Glade made the city proud when he won a gold and a silver medal at the 1999 World Special Olympics in Raleigh, N.C.

July 22 - With the latest death of yet another skydiver at Pahokee Airport, some people are calling the airport "the deadliest drop zone for skydivers in Palm Beach County." Brad Slager, 26, a Class A jumper,

fell over 10,000 feet to his death on Sunday, July 18, after he collided with another jumper.

The Belle Glade Fire Department and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office recover the 1989 Chevrolet that became a death trap to a local family when it plunged into a canal on State Road 80 Saturday.

July 29 - Death row inmate Frank Valdes will not face the electric chair for the killing of Glades Correctional Institution guard Fred Griffis, because officials say Valdes was killed by guards at the Florida State Prison in Stark.

Residents who were complaining last year at city commission meetings about their water and sewer bills will not be happy to learn the rates will go up by 24.3 percent next year as the city begins paying an \$810,000 annual debt on a loan they took to expand the wastewater treatment plant and deep-well injection system.

August 5 - Three candidates have qualified to run for a seat on the Belle Glade City Commission, with several others having picked up packets.

Qualifying were Don Garrett, D. Bill Mathis and Steve Boyer. A reception was held to welcome Glades General Hospital's new Chief Executive Officer James Perrell.

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this fall to help pay for stormwater capital facilities, operation and maintenance and correcting erosion problems in ditches and culverts.

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on which ambulance company will provide service to the Glades area after November 1.

County staff is recommending American Medical Response, a company that already operates in the county and was the low bidder for the service. September 30 - Political newcomer Steve Wilson won Tuesday's runoff election against Donald Garrett to earn the right to serve a two year term on the Belle Glade City Commission. Wilson, 40, garnered 46 more votes than Garrett, edging him out 962 to 916. Wilson got 51.22% of the vote and Garrett 48.75%.

American Medical Response, a company that already provides ambulance service in the county, was chosen by the county commission Monday morning to provide ambulance service for the Glades.

October 7 - The Raymond Roth family was named Farm Family of the Year on Monday night by the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau during a banquet held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

A ballot recount held at the Supervisor of Elections office last Thursday morning netted the same results - D. Bill Mathis had won a seat on the Belle Glade City Commission. City Clerk Debra Buff said a manual recount of the votes for Mathis and his challenger, Daniel Bythwood was held at Mr. Bythwood's request. Mr. Mathis won the election two weeks ago with just 25 more votes than Mr. Bythwood.

October 14 - Police were still searching Wednesday morning for an inmate who walked away from work duty at Glades Correctional Institution. Gordon Redd, 32, is a minimum-security prisoner at the Glades Work Camp. He escaped while picking up trash on State Road 80.

Pahokee police have charged two teenagers with felony charges for throwing rocks at a school bus last Thursday after a junior varsity football game.

No one was injured in the incident, but Pahokee Police Chief Carmen Salvatore said the incident was unfortunate for the city.

October 21 - The fury of Hurricane Irene, which tore through South Bay, Belle Glade, Pahokee and Canal Point late in the evening Friday, October 15, took many by surprise. Said to be a category

one storm with sustained winds of 75-80 miles-per-hour, the storm tore trees out of the ground, flattened the sugar cane crop and left thousands without power.

The Red Cross opened an emergency shelter Tuesday night in Pahokee at the Good Shepherd Church of God on Baileys Point Road. Officials say the shelter will remain open as long as there is a need.

October 28 - Former Belle Glade City Attorney John Baker was presented the coveted "Citizen of the Year" award at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Presenting the award was former representative and city commissioner Steve Weeks.

The police department has received several complaints in the past few weeks about counterfeit \$20 bills, which are being passed to local businesses in the community. These bills appear to be made from color laser printers and are all of \$20 denominations.

November 4 - A local company closed its doors recently and moved out of the area but is now under investigation by the Economic Crimes Division of the office of Attorney General in Orlando: The Winners Circle Inc. an international company, is an operation in which workers are recruited to sell vacation packages to the public.

When Hurricane Irene blew through the Glades October 15 there were no official weather stations in the area to record the high winds. Now, the National Hurricane Center says that after collecting data from weather stations manned by the South Florida Water Management District, the highest sustained winds were logged in Belle Glade at 58.3 mph and the maximum gust was recorded at 93.3 mph at 10:30 p.m.

November 11 - A 10-month-old baby was seriously injured Tuesday, November 2 when he fell down a flight of stairs in his walker.

Another baby died when his mother, Patricia Annette Richardson, 32, of Pahokee left her 3-month old daughter, Frederica Richardson, in the care of her 3-year-old son while she walked across the street to a liquor store. When she returned home she found her apartment engulfed in flames. The baby died at the scene.

November 18 - The Fifth Annual Okee-Pokee Sailboat Cup

Regatta was held in Pahokee.

The City of Belle Glade was looking at their first tenant for the Belle Glade Business Park Royal Wall Systems. The company builds precast wall systems.

November 25 - Sheriff's Office Detectives were trying to locate anyone who saw Angel Vazquez Roblero, 42, and Abel Dario Lopez, 20, shot down around 170 Barfield Highway.

Several hundred residents drove or walked down to the lakefront Saturday for the Grassy Waters Festival. Fun, games, and entertainment were offered to residents during the day-long event.

December 2 - A delegation of sugar producers, growers and company representatives headed to Seattle for the beginning of the World Trade Organization talks.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit was starting a new program in the Glades called "Do The Right Thing."

December 9 - Popular Glades Day Senior Jason Morris died in a car accident while on his way to a school football game.

Belle Glade Commissioners discuss changing the city's election dates from September to March.

December 16 - The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is investigating the shooting death of a Belle Glade man whose body was found just after midnight early Sunday in Pahokee. Jeffrey Reavis, 22, of Belle Glade was found at 372 Barfield Highway.

The South Bay City Commission approved an application for Community Development Block Grant funds to Palm Beach County Housing and Community Development for salaries, street improvements and continued improvements to the city's wastewater system.

December 23 - The Glades Central Raiders capped off an undefeated season Friday by defeating Suwannee High School to capture the state 3-A championship. Thousands of Raider fans traveled to Gainesville for the game.

Resolving conflicts and dealing with diverse cultures will be part of the learning process for about 30 Bell Glade City employees and city commissioners as they attend an all-day goals workshop Dec. 29 at the Drawbridge Cafe.

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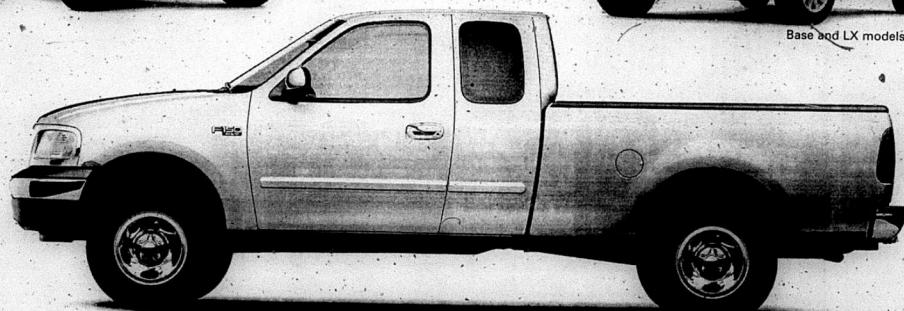
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